

REMARKS

Claims 10-17 are currently pending.

Claims 10-13 have been rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the Linda Bastianich's Italian Table Balsamic Glaze recipc.

The Examiner has objected to dependent Claims 14-17 as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but has indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In any effort to put the claims which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable into condition for allowance, Claims 14 and 15 have been put into independent form incorporating the limitations of original claims 10, 11 and 12, and further limitations from Claims 14 and 15. Claims 15, 16 and 17 have been restructured so that Claims 16 and 17 are in proper dependent form from Claim 15. No new matter has been added.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and comments herein, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are any issues which present an impediment to allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted by telephone so that they may be addressed expeditiously.

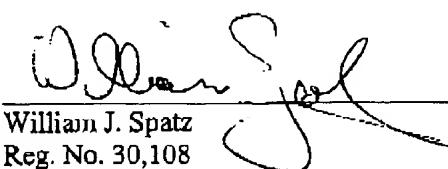
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